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1. A building on Wriezener Strasse in STRAUSBERG (N 53/V 15), located opposite the former Youth Home, was now occupied by a Soviet air force unit.

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2. Eighteen twin-engine Pe-2s were parked near the hangars of the STRAUSBERG airfield. The field was being expanded to the west, and many civilians were employed there. The buildings were apparently occupied to capacity.

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3.
Thirty-nine twin-engine Pe-2s were counted at the field. Most of the buildings at the airfield had been repaired. Grading work was still done at the northwestern border of the field. Ammunition boxes were piled behind the board fence at the eastern border.

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4. About 150 Soviet soldiers and German laborers did grading work and loaded scrap at the airfield. The telephone line,

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an overhead construction, was being laid as a buried cable.

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5. Besides the barracks at the airfield two large buildings on Kriesener Strasse were occupied by a newly arrived Soviet Air Force unit. Noticeably many officers were observed.

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Comment:

a. Report confirms that the STRAUSBERG airfield is occupied by a bomber unit. From the number of Pe-2s observed at the airfield it is inferred that a bomber regiment is stationed there. [redacted] this regiment was previously stationed in GRANLENBURG. When this regiment arrived in STRAUSBERG a decrease in occupation was simultaneously observed in GRANLENBURG.

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b. The buildings on Kriesener Strasse were apparently occupied by the personnel of the newly arrived bomber regiment. According to a previous report, the billet of the CO of this unit is also located in this street.

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c. [redacted] the reported clearing and expansion work has been done since June 1949.

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